

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1–51. (Cancelled)

52. (Previously presented) A subsea assembly comprising:

a subsea manifold comprising a choke body; and

a connection apparatus for connecting to the subsea manifold;

wherein the connection apparatus comprises:

a frame adapted to land on the manifold;

a conduit system comprising a first end adapted to connect to the choke body

and a second end adapted to connect to a processing apparatus;

wherein the conduit system comprises a conduit means supported by the
frame; and

wherein the frame comprises at least one frame member that is adapted to
land on the manifold in a first stage of the connection; and

wherein the conduit means is adapted to be brought into fluid communication with
the choke body of the manifold in a second stage of the connection.

53–55. (Cancelled)

56. (Currently amended) A production tree including:

a tree body including:

a production bore and a lateral production port extending from the bore into a wing block in a first flowpath, the wing block having an upwardly facing vertical bore; and

a tree guide; and

a utility skid landable on and supportable by the tree, the skid including:

a frame including a body;

a processing apparatus supportable by the frame; and

a conduit that is received by the upwardly facing vertical bore and allows fluid communication in a second flowpath between the production bore, the processing apparatus, and the wing block~~lateral production port, the second flowpath being external of and not forming a portion of the frame body;~~ and

an aligning member that is engageable with the tree guide to align the utility skid with respect to the tree.

57. (Previously presented) The production tree of claim 56, further including a choke body attached to the tree wing block and forming the upwardly facing vertical bore, the conduit allowing fluid communication between the choke body upwardly facing vertical bore and the processing apparatus.

58. (Previously presented) The production tree of claim 56, where the conduit allows fluid to be diverted from the first flowpath to the second flowpath.

59. (Previously presented) A subsea tree, comprising:

a tree body having a bore, a lateral production port extending from the bore, and a mounting apparatus;

a utility skid tree support system having a wing block and a utility skid;

the wing block being mounted to the tree body below the mounting apparatus and having a horizontal bore aligned with the lateral production port, and an upwardly facing vertical bore extending from the horizontal bore; and

the utility skid having a stab to be received by the upwardly facing vertical bore and an aligning member for engaging the mounting apparatus to locate and align the stab with respect to the upwardly facing vertical bore.

60. (Previously presented) A subsea tree according to claim 59, wherein the wing block has a production wing valve and the upwardly facing vertical bore is located horizontally closer to the opposite end face than to the tree body.

61. (Previously presented) A production tree, comprising:

a tree body having a bore, a lateral production port extending from the bore, an upper end and a tree guide;

a utility skid tree support system having a wing block;

a utility skid with a skid guide and a production fluid conduit;

the wing block being mounted to the tree body below the upper end and having a horizontal production bore aligned with the lateral production port, and a vertical bore extending upwardly from the horizontal production bore; and

the skid guide being engageable with the tree guide to locate and align the production fluid conduit of the utility skid with respect to the vertical bore of the wing block.

62. (Previously presented) A production tree according to claim 61, wherein the production fluid conduit extends vertically downward from the utility skid and engages the vertical bore in the wing block.

63. (Previously presented) A production tree according to claim 61, wherein the wing block has a production wing valve and the vertical bore is located horizontally closer to an end face of the wing block than to the tree body.

64–71. (Cancelled)

72. (Previously presented) The production tree of claim 61 wherein the utility skid includes a processing apparatus.

73. (Previously presented) The subsea tree of claim 59 further including a plug received within the vertical bore to direct injection fluids down the bore.